

who announced my vote, if I had been here, I would have voted "nay," and supported the amendment which would have required the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue rules ensuring that small businesses can stay competitive with deregulated holding companies. The amendment also would have ensured that these holding companies do not damage the financial standing of small businesses or pass the costs of bad investments to consumers.

Senator FEINGOLD and Senator BROWNBACK were correct. This amendment is just good public policy and would have protected small contractors against big utilities. I appreciate their hard work and dedication to this important issue.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TATYANA GORYACHOVA

● Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Tatyana Goryachova for her contributions to journalism and her strength in the face of extreme adversity. Ms. Goryachova is a Ukrainian newspaper editor who, as a result of her unbiased reporting and journalistic integrity, has suffered threats and physical assault.

A free press is a defining characteristic of a democratic society. A free press in the U.S. is provided for and protected by our Constitution. In Ukraine before the fall of communism in 1991, newspapers were censored and only allowed to publish officially sanctioned positions. While a free press is taking hold in Ukraine, significant pressure remains to publish only stories favorable to government and business interests.

Ms. Goryachova and her husband, Sergey Belousov, have owned and edited the Berdyansk Delovoy in Berdyansk, Ukraine since 1998. As editor, Ms. Goryachova has insisted on evenhanded coverage. The newspaper has exposed corruption in the city government and covered challengers as well as incumbents in city elections—a decision that brought her into conflict with government officials.

Ms. Goryachova's professional choices have made her the subject of severe personal hardships. The Berdyansk Delovoy office was vandalized. Ms. Goryachova's life has been threatened. She was attacked and had acid thrown in her face, causing serious damage to her eyes and skin. Despite this, she has persevered and continued complete coverage at the newspaper.

Ms. Goryachova found an advocate in Hal Foster, an American journalist and Omaha World-Herald correspondent she met at a journalism seminar in Kiev, Ukraine. Mr. Foster arranged to have Ms. Goryachova's eye injuries treated in the United States. He secured an anonymous benefactor who paid for her care.

In addition, the Berdyansk Delovoy needed its own printing press to con-

tinue publishing. After hearing Ms. Goryachova's story, Omaha World-Herald Publisher John Gottschalk offered to donate a printing press to the newspaper. The generosity of an anonymous donor and the Omaha World-Herald has ensured that Tatyana Goryachova will have both her eyesight and a strong voice in her community.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis wrote in 1913 that, "Sunlight is the best of disinfectants; electric light the most efficient policeman." Ms. Goryachova understands that exposing corruption and illuminating Ukraine's darkest corners is the surest way to end abuse and promote democracy. A free press is not only a sign of a thriving democracy, it is an important tool of democracy.

Building a strong democratic tradition takes journalists and citizens like Tatyana Goryachova who are committed to transparency and integrity in government. For her commitment and sacrifices, her contributions to journalism and to democracy, Tatyana Goryachova deserves our recognition and respect.●

ROBERT AND MARGARET SCOTT'S 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Robert and Margaret Scott, better known as Bob and Muff, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on November 6, 2003.

As they celebrate this milestone in their lives, they will surely reflect on the many changes, successes and accomplishments they have experienced together over the last sixty years. Theirs is a journey of which they can be proud.

Bob is the son of the late Chester and Evangeline Scott. Bob attended Miami University of Ohio for his undergraduate degree and received his master's and PhD in Organic Chemistry from Northwestern University. His wife, Muff, is the daughter of the late Benjamin and Ann Penix. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Kentucky.

Bob and Muff met and began dating in college. Although their respective schools were over sixty miles apart, a college weekend brought them together. They were married on November 6, 1943 in Morehead, KY.

The Scotts moved to Delaware in 1950, when Bob took a position with Hercules. Over his 35-year career at Hercules, Bob moved from being a bench chemist to a plant chemist, to eventually becoming the Director of Research and Development. Muff divided between raising a family, community service and substitute teaching at area schools. They are blessed with three children, Bob, Ann and Tom, and six grandchildren, Lee, Rob, Joshua, Clarissa, Clay and Lex.

Bob and Muff are active members of the community. Bob is Warden to Delaware's Episcopal Bishop, Wayne

Wright, and has been Warden for the last four Bishops in Delaware. The Scott's are also members of Christ Church in Greenville, DE where Bob has often been a vestry member. Bob was also a delegate to the National Episcopal Church Triennial Convention for more than 20 years, during the contentious times when the Episcopal Church first accepted the ordination of women as clergy members and bishops. Reverend John Martin of Christ Church describes Bob and Muff as a real team. Whether folding church bulletins or volunteering at community events, they are always working together. They are devoted to each other and to their families.

Bob and Muff are also dedicated to St. Michael's School and Nursery, a non-profit institution that provides affordable, high-quality early childhood education and childcare to the community. Both Bob and Muff are on the board of directors. They have served on the board alternately for over 30 years. Helen Riley, the executive director of St. Michael's, describes the Scott's as representing the true spirit of philanthropy. Muff is known as the "Board Builder" at St. Michael's. She brings in next generations of families to support the organization. She has involved young children in philanthropy by teaching them to donate their own toys and books, and by showing them the value in volunteering their own time. Bob serves as an advisor to the school and has proven to be reliable and dependable for expert advice from a business standpoint. They often sell books at their church and collect money in tin cans for scholarships and faculty training and advancement.

Today, I rise to congratulate Bob and Muff on their 60th wedding anniversary. Both have shown great service and commitment to their family and their community. They serve as true role models. I know that their years together hold many beautiful memories. It is my hope that those ahead will be filled with continued joy. I wish them both the very best in all that lies ahead.●

COMMENDING STEVE PICCO

● Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I wish to commend the work of Steve Picco, who is retiring after 8 years as a board member of the Northeast-Midwest Institute. A two-term chairman of the Institute's Board of Directors, Steve served with leadership, vision, and wit.

Steve has had a distinguished career in New Jersey, with more than 20 years of experience as a regulator and practitioner in the areas of environmental and energy law. He served as Assistant Commissioner in both the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and New Jersey Department of Energy and as a member of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the Delaware River Basin Commission. He currently is a partner with Reed Smith Shaw and McClay in Princeton.